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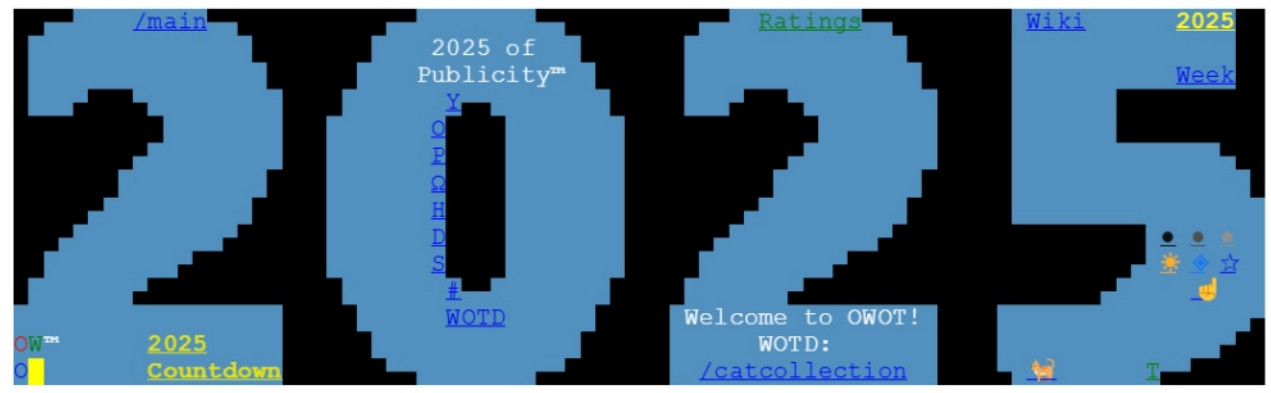


A new year upon us

By LEMURIA

January 1, 2025

2025-01-01 is upon us. As timezones worldwide ticked forward into the new year, fireworks went off, and people screamed 2025.

Botmin greeter

Throughout the entire transition period between the zones, Fern's botmin was hard at work updating the server with news of each and every timezone that had left the old year behind, for auld lang syne.

Andrei and Fern collaborated together on the bot; the messages were written by hand, and sent by the bot.

Lemuria

For Lemuria, the new year's first hour started off well, with him choosing to take a look around his street.

He was invited into a neighbor's house, and so were the other neighbors; and a one-hour gathering took place.

In a step forward for his mental health, food was shared, before everyone else went off to sleep and Lemuria returned to another night shift of patrolling OWOT for anything juicy or unhinged.

Also, he was surprisingly adept at not typing 2024 by accident and was able to type 2025 instead of 2024 with a higher than 98% success rate.

Updating those copyright years may be a task though...

The end

Happy new year, everyone on OWOT, and may this site rise, and be better.

New year, old conflicts

By LEMURIA

January 1, 2025

A new year began, and so did new escalations of OWOT's oldest conflicts.

Fernozzle

Fernozzle came under verbal attack again, with his complaint about a 10-minute ban for spam pinging.

Romania's largest waste of oxygen and a major emitter of carbon dioxide, at a shocking 500 liters a year, which continues to cause global warming through the greenhouse effect, known to some as "AndreiXYZ", simply replied, saying "and for some reason you're not banned right now for going into detail about how much porn there is on a raider's server?

And in the morning of January 3, 2025, Fernozzle found himself timed out for seven days after having an argument with Fern over her use of the F-T slur in the Discord server.

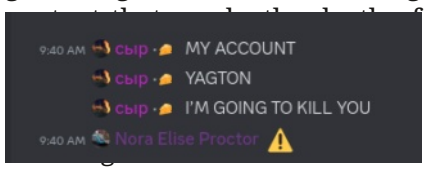
It wasn't the first time Fern has had to clear it up; she just linked back to an old message from December 2024, where she says "there's obviously a difference between a queer person saying a slur which directly applies to them and somebody outside of the community using it hatefully".

However, Fernozzle wrote some slurs in the OWOT chat. "let's hear from you actually", said Andrei, with a screenshot. And just like that, he was cooked and he was not to say another thing for the next seven days.

(Andrei, Fern) v. (Lemuria)

After Lemuria posted a code snippet of the "structured ragebait markup language", an XML document containing a link to a video on YouTube by Channel NewsAsia about Filipino political trolls, Fern asked Lemuria to stop his ragebait, calling it "distasteful".

Lemuria, being a very "to the book" person according to Fern, was then given a citation to the Discord guidelines, specifically a sentence saying "Posting content with the intent to cause disgust, anger, or fear, including



actions consist of ragebait.

"the funny thing is to him that'd just mean stop sending messages completely since it's his entire personality", he said, wasting even more of Discord's storage space which could have been used for cat photos instead.

This of course, completely glosses over Lemuria's long history of positive contributions to the OWOT community, such as keeping the people informed through OWON and helping contain Aywen's users through managing a special /aywen world, which FP acknowledged as thwarting potential scripting or spam attacks on the front page.

Lemuria then sent a link to an article about not complying in advance, to illustrate the fact that he wouldn't cease doing a particular thing until he was asked by an administrator to stop.

Andrei then took that as another opportunity to trash on Lemuria; falsely accusing Lemuria of "trying to compare discord's guidelines with ww2 nazism", after finding a mention of Nazism in the article.

"you cannot get any lower than this", he stated, with Lemuria defending himself by saying he did not even know the article was about Nazism.

Anti-Moth Operations

In chat, as always, the war on MCL continued, with an anon, 4097, claiming to be d9eoead. 4097 repeated the claim regarding MCL and five Indian men. While a violation, the messages were sent anonymously.

If D9 was really the culprit, then he would have to turn himself in, and after returning from a three month ban, he's not keen on that.

MCL said that the person impersonating D9 was probably Tartarus instead.

In any case, D9 is scot-free, either because he didn't deserve the scots in the first place and they should have been sent to Tartarus, or because it cannot be proved if D9 was the responsible entity.

FERN'S SLEEPYCAT ALLCAPS

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, LEMURIA OBSERVED FERN TYPING IN ALL-CAPS ON THE WEBSITE, SLEEPYCAT TELLING

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D9 runs infinite stickman

By LEMURIA

January 3, 2025

The first positive thing that D9 has done, was done just as 2024 ended, when on December 30, 2024, d9eoead created a new thread, titled "infinite stickman". It started off with a simple stickman, but d9 took requests from users to add to or modify certain aspects of the stickman.

Lemuria was one of the first to participate, simply asking that d9 make the stickman hold a piece of paper with the English third-person accusative feminine singular pronoun "her".

The thread got popular, and ballooned quickly to 836 messages by January 3, 2025, though the proportion of actual content to MCL's repeated demands for Catha'Vi to be inserted in some way or another into the image is unknown.

Speaking of, MCL made multiple attempts to turn the stickman into Catha'Vi, further extending the conflict that has gone on between the two for ages.

Lemuria replied by having the stickman point to a sign saying "no moths".

Fernozzle had his fair share of changes too, having the stickman hold a gun with his name emblazoned on it.

And then someone else came along and made the gun shoot out a white surrender flag.

And the stickman's feet became that of a New York City subway train.

And 1984's Big Brother made an appearance towards the bottom too.

The chaos of d9's infinite stickman is likely to go on for a few weeks more, with no signs of stopping.

MCL will do anything to derail it; given their desire for the whole OWOT Discord server to bow down to Catha'Vi, and for Lemuria to shut the fuck up about Emily Anderson and whatever musician he's listening to at the moment.

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OWOT says no to background checks

D9 tried to make a poll, but was thankfully voted down when it comes to invasive checks.

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No IP hashing yet?

OWOT has yet to start holding its anons accountable; it hasn't merged the IP hashing yet.

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Could the paper run out of cats?

The paper goes through large amounts of cat imagery in search of filler every week.

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Lemuria's chat logger hits 1.9M messages

Plenty of data to analyze, but is it all Starianna's spam, CBAT spam, or actually good stuff?

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Optic's new laptop

It is probably for the best that the laptop be reconfigured to run on Linux instead, Optic.

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Lemuria

New year, old conflicts

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LIGMA TO GET A NEW MOUSE AFTER LIGMA COMPLAINED ABOUT NEEDING A NEW ONE.

Lesbian college rock

SCREAMING ASIDE, Fern followed in Lemuria's footsteps today by posting college rock music on Sleepycat. When Fern stated on the site that she was "a pretty tired kitty", Pinkie asked to pet Fern to sleep. Lemuria took the opportunity to cram more music down OWOT's collective throat by posting "Sing Me to Sleep", a song by American indie musician Emmy Law.

When it came to the Lemuria Wiki article on Law, Pinkie asked, Lemuria pasted.

Fern stated that "it's good music", when Pinkie stated "fernsy and his weird female college rock music" (yes, Pinkie really did use "his", not "her", and the quotation has been preserved as-is.).

With the other college rock songs that Fern proceeded to link to on Sleepycat came complaints of vocal fry.

Associated with young female speakers of American English, vocal fry occurs when according to Wikipedia, "the arytenoid cartilages in the larynx are drawn together, which causes the vocal folds to compress rather tightly and become relatively slack and compact".

Sleepycat spam

Sleepycat had its fair share of tantrums take place; Sisyphus decided to spam philosophical content and was kicked by PinkiePie for doing so, while ultraleland7Ziggy, the world's shoddiest dreidel manufacturer, threw a hissy fit in an attempt to get Pinkie to turn off New Year mode on the site.

D9 proposes background checks, OWOT says no

By LEMURIA

January 4, 2025

An informal vote for background checks started by d9eoead has been rejected with a resounding 4 votes for NO.

The question was worded "Mandatory background checks to avoid bonziworlders or problematic users".

The majority of this article will be Lemuria telling you why background checks for OWOT are bad. The font of choice for this being Inter instead of the usual Noto Sans should be sufficient warning.

Anyway, Lemuria told d9 "NO", saying that such a policy would be too much effort, encourage witch-hunting, and would likely result in people taking it too far, thus the example of a 60-year old being punished for stealing a candy bar at the age of 5. Similar minor offenses in the distant past should be disregarded, Lemuria says.

And of course, a background check isn't needed for anyone to know what D9's past actions are.

From murder drones porn to sending MCL rape threats, a lot has happened.

No IP hashed IDs yet

By LEMURIA

January 4, 2025

Delays have transpired with the IP-based hashed ID system, which has been hailed as a system that will hold OWOT's anons accountable for their statements.

The last activity on Node-WorldOfText pull request 186 was on December 19, 2024, when Lemuria placed his seal of approval on the changes.

Get up to speed

For the unfamiliar, the current system of users receiving a random number from 1 to 10,000 that could be reset for a fresh identity upon a reload of the browser or a loss of connection, would be replaced.

And the replacement system would hash your IP address and then combine it with a secret key (to prevent attackers from hashing every IP address by themselves to leak your IP).

It would hold users accountable and lessen the anonymity given to OWOT users.

Anonymity empowers assholes to go out and do their thing, as they are reassured that there will be no consequences.

Supporters and haters

Almost everyone on OWOT supports the new measure, while most objections are external. Bonzis, you know who you are.

After a surge of anon messages with questionable and downright abhorrent content led to the creation of some threads to catalog the worse parts, Andrei said, "can we push the ip based ids feature already so we can see how many of those alt-right shitstains still have the courage to speak after their sweet anonymity gets partly taken away".

No visible progress has been seen on the feature, and it is important that this feature be pushed and deployed.

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Fern constructs hotel, townhouse

By LEMURIA

January 4, 2025

Fern has undertaken the construction of some new properties today, though it is not on Meowtown, but rather another world. "Meowtown is not nearly that flat", she answered.

The exterior of the hotel could use some detailing, with the Grian Police possibly taking offense to the barebones exterior.

However, it is a practical hotel, or perhaps apartment block. If you happen to be far from your private base just exploring, then this hotel is the place for you.

In the winter that the building is surrounded by, there is warmth.

The hotel is built out of stone bricks on the outside, with a wooden floor and roof.

Rooms appear to be named with a number and their direction; given the [1NE] signs right by the doors.

Torches provide lighting and a ladder is provided to get to the other floor of the building.

What is Meowtown?

Meowtown, formerly New Meowers, is a Minecraft server operated by Fern, at mc.slaska.xyz - after a few months of inactivity, it is finally open once again.

Join the server, you'll like it a lot, though you will need to get whitelisted first.

Our World of News is the paper that keeps the people of the Three Sites (OWOT, YWOT, and OWOP) informed.
Lemuria has ran the paper diligently since 2024-02-23.

Discord: https://discord.com/channels/366609898164715520/1210775852862930964
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Tell me your New Year's Resolutions, I know you'll fail them anyway. It's hopeless!

Could the paper run out of cats?

By LEMURIA

January 4, 2025

The go-to filler for OWON these days when there's not enough content to write, is imagery of cats. Beautiful cats.

But could OWON run out of cats? So far, the paper employs multiple sources of filler cat imagery; Lemuria's camera, Wikimedia Commons, and in rarer cases, Fern, who has released a cat photo under CC0 before (explicitly).

Only so much cat imagery is available on Wikimedia Commons, and Lemuria can only go out so often.. and cats only appear at the right times so often.

Here's hoping that this 2025, Lemuria may be able to go out more often, in search of grass and good cat imagery for every OWON issue.

This issue is remarkably late; hence all those beautiful cats.

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Tomato monster still up this 2025

By LEMURIA

January 4, 2025

Some things just don't change. Some things are here to stay, and the Tomato monster is one of them.

The tomato monster has extended additional tendrils to the Square of Publicity, from an unknown location.

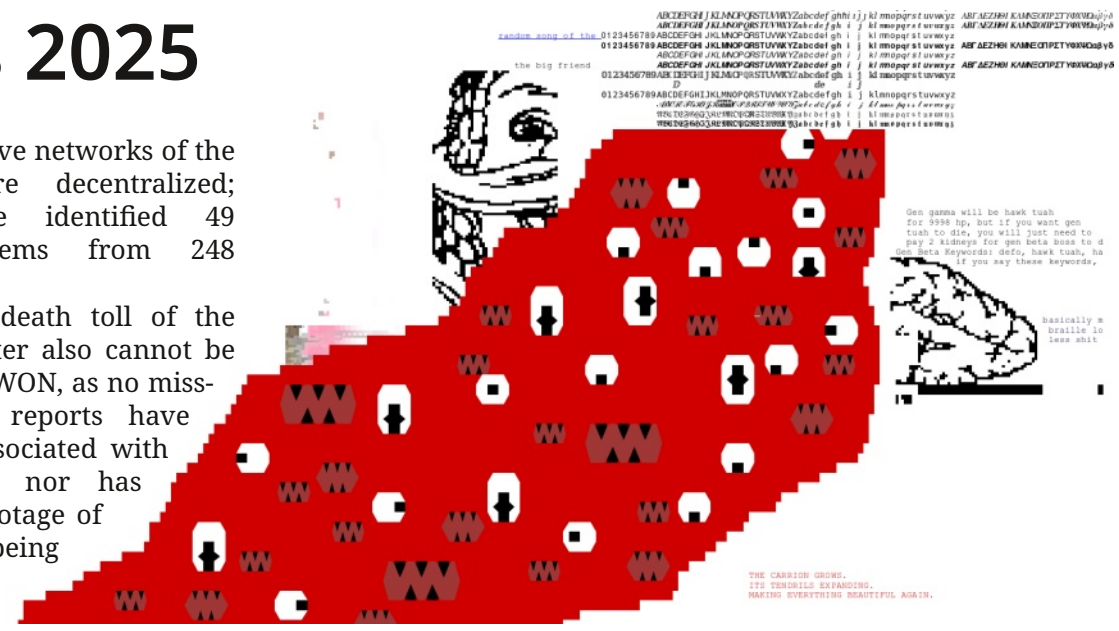
Expeditions sent to the tomato monster have confirmed that the monster contains sacs of various types of red liquid inside, ranging from ketchup, human blood, and even red paint.

The tomato monster was first seen around November 2024. It is hypothesized to be a large superorganism or a hivemind of large superorganisms, growing from an origin point that still remains unknown.

Its exterior features large amounts of mouths and eyes, with drones sent into the mouths revealing a series of tubes that lead to stomachs.

The digestive networks of the organism are decentralized; drones have identified 49 unique systems from 248 mouths.

The total death toll of the tomato monster also cannot be checked by OWON, as no missing persons reports have been filed associated with the monster, nor has there been footage of someone being taken...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Optic acquires new laptop

By LEMURIA

January 4, 2025

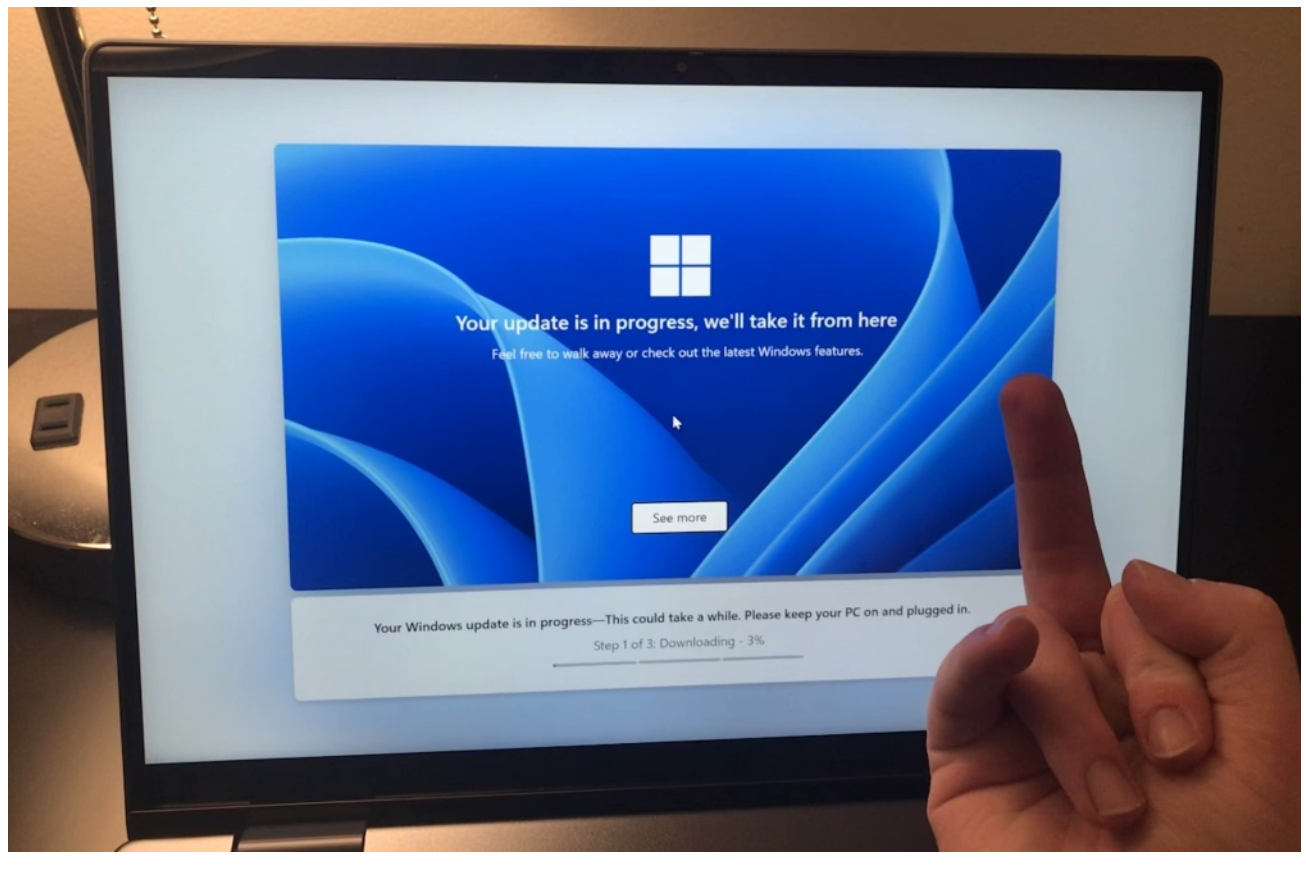
Optic has acquired a new laptop, which unfortunately runs on Windows 11 and has Recall, a completely useless feature and waste of storage space that Microsoft decided to put on everyone's computers for some weird reason.

It is a Dell laptop with an AMD CPU. "Welcome to Dell. Let's do great things together", said the paper wrap enveloping the laptop to help defend against scratches in transit.

Damn Windows updates!

However, to the dismay of Optic, the laptop decided to install a Windows update. Jamel defended the update, claiming that "it was for the common good".

The voice of reason prevailed; Optic got four fire reactions for repeating the truth that "updates should be optional and you get to decide when to update". Lemuria of course, told Optic that on Linux, updates ARE optional.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The user decides when sudo apt update and sudo apt upgrade is run, not the distro developer.

While Ubuntu has forged ahead on shitty snaps, one can always use a different distro, and even then, autoupdating snaps update in the background, not with a big intrusive "UBUNTU IS INSTALLING UPDATES" splash.

Optic's displeasure of course at the forced Windows update was made clear by a middle finger pointed towards the screen.

But when the update is over, Optic will definitely have an OK computer experience.

Of course, that computer experience can always be upgraded by grabbing yourself one of those Linux distro ISOs, but still, nice laptop!

Lemuria's logger hits 1.9M msgs

By LEMURIA

January 4, 2025

Lemuria's chat logger is growing; acquiring more data as the days pass.

The logger hit 1.9 million messages this January 2025, with a check on January 4 showing that the logger had hit 1,900,524 messages.

owot_ws_log, written in Typescript, is Lemuria's chat logger for OWOT, which has been in continuous operation since around 2024.

It was originally written in JavaScript, but in March 2024, it was rewritten in TypeScript to be more robust.

Starting in late 2024, Lemuria began working on an API for the chat logger and a web interface to access its contents, though work has mostly stagnated due to a loss of interest.

At present, Lemuria does not have the resources to make these apps publicly accessible - he has no VPS. And even with one, does Lemuria have enough trust in the security of his apps?

Off-Topic

Lime returns to Bristol

By LEMURIA

January 4, 2025

Lime has returned to Bristol at last; after a long ten-day trip to Italy. Much fun was had over there, but Lime has began working on his Infectious Smile ripoff. No updates so far on the Battle for It.

Season 1 will be released anywhere from January 30, 2025 at best, to March 1, 2025 at worst.

Challenge 3 is 3.7/5 completed, while challenge 4 has had its concept fleshed out. 7 and 8 do not exist at present, while the final one is finally good to go. Good luck, Lime, you are going to need it.

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The music is beautiful.

The sky is beautiful.

Andrei's attitude to the first two isn't.
Don't let him prevail.

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